

A Journal of a Whalerman, May the 21st 1845.

At 10 o'clock this day got under weigh
in Provincetown Harbor, in the Barge
we Parker Cook, bound on a whaling
voyage, in the North & South Atlantic
Oceans. Commanded by Capt. C. B.
Smith, had rough weather most of
the time, till, June the first, when we
took the wind from the westward, & fine
weather, saw a number of Porpoises &
Blackfish  & took
some of them, June the 28 1845.

Fine weather & light winds from the
Westward, at this time we were in the
Latitude of $31^{\circ} 27' N.$ & Longitude of $52^{\circ} 50' 45'' W.$
The ship running off S.E., at
2 o'clock P.M., saw a shoal of Sperm Whales
heading to the N.E. apparently feeding
we lowered down the Larboard Boats &
tried 2 of them some time, when the wha-
les came up from the leeward, towards the
ship, when Capt. Smith lowered his Bo-
at, & went on & struck one, his Boat steer
got his leg cut with the 2d, harpoon, which
obliged Capt. Smith to return to the ship.
we soon walked in to the affections of Mr.
("square head") and in 15 minutes he had
him safely chained to the ship. The next
the

 Action
day we employed in taking off his hide
which we accomplished at 3 P.M., where
we filled away to the Eastward, & set the
works agoing, for the first time. The whale
stowed us down 50 Barrells, a very good
beginning. We saw nothing more worth
noticing till June the 16. When in the
Lat of $31^{\circ} 10' N.$ & Long $49^{\circ} 30' 45'' W.$ we were run-
ing off the Eastward with a good haulson
full, the wind from the N. & very smooth
when at 5 A.M. saw a large shoal of Sperm
Whales, all around the ship before the Decks
were washed off, we lowered the Boats & af-
ter a while we made out to get 2 which
made 30 Bar. one to L & one to the Waist Bo-
this represents the sport of capturing


the Whale, by the two Boats.

A Whaler's Journal

July Friday the 18 1845.

This day commenced with fine weather & ended the same, we soon got through cutting in the whales taken the H. H. & commenced Boiling till till to day when we were about through & was cooking down the works, when the good old sound of **THERE SHE BLOWS** saluted our ears from the mast head, & by asking where **AWAY**, we obtained the pleasing answer of **TWO-POINTS OFF THE LEE** Bow 3 miles off clatter! clatter! went the Block, & around came the Main top sail to the mast, lower away the **LARBOARD BOATS** shouted the captain down went the Boats & stuck out on the course the whales were taking & found both large & small together & the way they were taking themselves through the water, was a caution, to old Maids, in want of **HUSBANDS**. However, we chased them 2 or 3 hours, & then gave them up to some one else, that **WANTED** them, we were then in Lat $31^{\circ}08'$ & Lon $49^{\circ}10'15''$ we then stood to the Eastward, with light airs from the S W & smooth sea & clear, July the 21st at 6 P.M. the welcome sound of there, **THERE SHE BLOWS** was sung out from the mast head, again by two persons, we were soon down and after them with a will, those that saw them first were now disputing about their Bounty money, as the whale were down, they soon appeared & the Mate had a chance to go on, he did so, & went along side of one, & the Boat-steerer, drove his harpoon down on to one's Broad side, but it was no go, that time, it now being sunset we saw them no more. This day, the Mate attributed to slack skin, the reason the harpoon did not enter the **WHALE**, here is the representation of it in form. This was in Lat $31^{\circ}09'S$ Lon $48^{\circ}50'15''W$.



We all, went on board again it having cost us nothing more than our time.

Western Islands. Poor Place.

Lat 32° 30' & Lon 26° 20', at sunset, we took in sail & hove to. From the Lat of 18 to 32, we saw not the least, in the line of whaling, but a few Black fish, & they were going as though they were in a hurry. On the 7 we saw some weed, weed, & a few dolphins.  all the rest of the way, was one wide barren waste of water, on the 7 also saw a few grampuses.

We now had fine weather & light wind from SW, we were employed in fitting up the Brig, she havin been pretty well racked, & our Paint being nearly all off outside & inside. on the 10 of June, we saw the  of Pico, bearing North, Dist. 80 miles. we here had ice calen for 3 days which time we employed in painting, & fitting ship.

on the 13 we saw a school of ^{KILLER} but got none.  We

this day got a  the first we have see since we left isle of Sal., fine soup.

We continued to run for the islands & on the 14 we were abreast of the East end of Pico, & steered for the East end of St. George,  which

is very high & quite long, but very narrow, which lies to the Eastward of Pico about 15 miles, forming a very pretty strait, or sound, from the islands & in windy weather, very heavy squalls

come down from the Mountains & quite plenty of whirlwinds, but all the time we have been here we have

had very fine smooth weather, & light variable winds, scarcely enough to

keep our sails full, where we arrived on the 14, & 15 & took in 80 Barrells of water & 8000 stick of wood, & what vegetables, we

wanted, & 40 fowl, 2 sheep & a bullock all of which cost us, 4 Barrells of Hump back oil, we then stood out on the 17,

spoke the Mettaposett, of WESTPORT. & now out 120 sperm, & on the 18 we spoke Park president, 280 sperm ship, Pacific clear.

Brig harlinges 85 Barls. saw whales 2 times of the E side of Peccia, on the 21 of June we caught a SHARK & a sun fish, saw killers

& grampuses,  we

now took the wind from S 42 & run up the E side of St. George, in company with the Brig HARBINAR. Capt. Lyden

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Western Islands. June,
Sunday the 22d. This day fine weather
& fine breeze from South west. we run
down the East side of St George in company
with the BRIG, HARBINGER, captain Sylva
till we were abreast of the West end of St George,
when we stood over to Graciosa, & at
4 1/2 P.M. we landed our cooper to see his
Parents, having been absent 8 years, & the next
day at 4 P.M. he came off in a Boat, with
his Brothers, & Brothers-in-law. he found
his folks all well, & very glad to see him,
a good proof of the old adage, that, absence
makes the heart grow fonder, on the 24 we
saw capt. Tibbott, in the Schooner Walter
K. from Provincetown with letters, it
being the first news, or tidings, we
have had since we left home. he in-
formed us that there had been a heavy
Storm at home, & a great deal of Damage
done to the warps and shipping, we then parted
company, & on the 25 we spoke the Bark
Rothchild Capt Leonard Small, he also
had letters for us, he was 23 day from home
& had touched at Brazil & landed 40 Passengers
which he took, out on freight, we also took
got a BOAT from him, and some lumber
which we were very much in want of. we then
left him & stood out to the Eastward of Pe-
ria, & fell in with the Brig Charlott of Expon-
SAC HARBOR, 11 nos out, with 500 sperm. capt,
Winters, we had a sail with her, but she rather
worked us, in forgoing ahead, she is a very
fine looking vessel, & is 233 tons, 102 feet long
26 feet beam, & 10 feet hold, she carries the most
canvas, that I ever, saw set on any vessel, of
her size. we then stood out to the East
of Packeria but saw nothing but a few

& took one Porpoise, we then stood in
toward St George, to get some more water
& VEGETABLES. & while the captain was
on shore we saw 5 Sperm WHALES, bound
in shore, very quick, we lowered the lar-
board Boats, & gave chase but they gave
us the slip, & we had to suck our
fingers for our pains, this was on
the 30 of June. so ends the month
we saw a SHIP, a BARQUE, a BRIG, & a
SCHOONER, & made sail for her, when
she found that we were bound to have
at any rate they love too for us.

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she proved to be the Palmyra & from Nantucket, Capt Raiment, 3 men out, 35 barrels of Sperm, we then went in the next day, it blew fresh, & we went in to St George, & got some Potatoes & onions & steered for FROES, where we arrived the next day, & here too we saw a large Bark & a ship, we passed by the island at 8 AM, & at 9 AM we saw the Schooner Council & tried to speak him, but he made sail on his vessel, & tried to get farther in shore & we being in a hurry, to get to the westward, we only stood far enough to him to read his name on his stern & the bore up & set our colours, to let him know that we knew him, we saw some



but did not lower for them, we now got a heavy squall of wind & rain from the S.E. & here too, we saw nothing more but a few sail till Saturday July the 5, when we kept off for a Brig, and at 6 PM we saw his Boat out, we lowered, & fell in ahead of his Boat & saw the whales going very quick, we all gave chase & at 8 PM the Starboard Boat got fast, the other boats could not get fast to him now, the Capt fired two bomb lances at him, but they had no effect, upon him, he held too to him till 12 mid night & then cut from him after leaving a drag to him here he is,



We then went on board & run the ship South, under close sail, & at 4 AM heard on Sunday the 6 saw him again, we all got breakfast, & lowered for him, but he knew rather too much for us, we chased him till 2 PM, when we saw more whales, & I struck one to the Starboard Boat, he sounded most of my line out, & when he came up he hove too & in 15 minutes past 2 we had him dead, we then took him along side here he is, the next day we cut him in



This whale made 100 barrels, which made 220, of Sperm, fine weather all the time
Good Enough for Foo,

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We had very fine weather the whole time we were boilling, most of the time calm & very smooth, we saw nothing more till July the 13th, when at 12 o'clock we saw 3 sperm whales making to the N.E. we soon lowered for them, & after 2 or 3 risings I went on too - an 80 barrel whale & fastened with both irons, but he tore one of them out & sounded, & a snarl coming round the log overhead caught & run the Boat under, so we were obliged to cut from him, Lat 38° 48'.



After trying to get fast again, for 2 hours we put off for some other whales, & at 3 P.M. the capt'n got fast to one & had him dead before the other boat could get to him. Here his



We took him alongside at 4 P.M. & the next day July the 14th, after we commenced cutting, we saw a large whale, bound to the South West, & lowered for him but could not come it, we call him the whale we struck the day before going eyes out. We got through cutting in the other whale at 10 P.M. & head the Brig to the westward. We now had fine weather & very smooth, this was in Lat. 38° 40' Lon 32. we cruised here till we got through boilling, & then stood to the west. This whale made near 80 barrels. We now wanted about 75 barrel to fill us full, & on the 25th of July, being in Lat 36.53 Lon 38° 30', we had the pleasure of seeing them again. it being calm we lowered & the Starboard Boat got fast to an 80 barrels, & then put off for another but they were off. There were four in number, going quick to S.W. We got this one alongside at 10 P.M.



it being calm, & the whale died some distance from the vessel. The 26 was employed in cutting him in which we got through with at 4 P.M. & set the works agoin' bound HOME

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in, about 5 hours. This whale was 5 feet longer, than the first whale we got, on cutting him in, we found that one side, seemed to be quite fat, while the other, we could hardly get a spade through the Blubber, we this to be on account of a large ~~SORE~~ on his right side near the ~~SMALL~~. & about the size of an half Barrel, TUB. This whale stowed down a whole SEVENTEENE barrels of oil. we were now in Lat. 31. 14 N Lon 19. 25. W. we soon had him boiled out, & stowed down, from this time till the 28 we saw nothing but a few  & took some of them for sport, & it being very moderate & smooth, we could not loose much any how, with what little wind we could get we made to the ESE & S, so that on, July the 28, we were in Lat 30. 50 N Lon 19. 14. 15. W. & at 4 1/2 PM The pleasant sound of THERE, SHE BLOW, was heard out from one of the Boats, while we were at supper, to clear away the Boats, & after him, was but a moments work, but he was off like BOB'S HORSE, it seems that he came out from the sunn wake, & was not seen by the LOOK OUT till he had seen the vessel, & then he was up & GONE, we chased him till dark, & then returned to the ship with a hungry Gut, & no WHALE, which made all hands as cross, & snappish as a MUD, TURTLE



We now kept working to the N & E for some time, without seeing anything in the shape of Sperm Whales, we saw a number of  & some Finbacks, &c. with squid spawn, taller drops, squid lights, thimbles, Gallies, DOLPHIN SHARKS, BONE TOES &c. &c. after cruising about 2 weeks longer, about here we shaped our course for the AZORES or western islands, where we arrived about the 25th. at Flores, where we took a little some water & a Portuguese before the

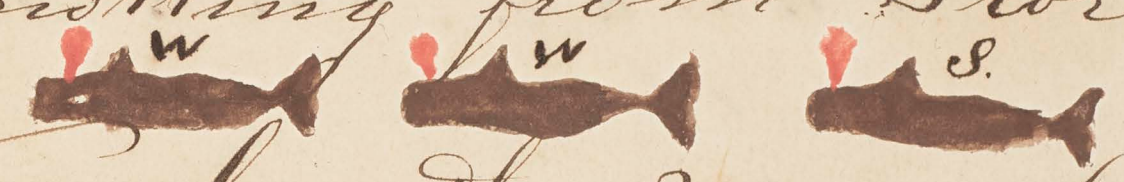
Rept. by Himself,
July ^{the} 23^d. 1845.

Fine weather & light winds from
the Eastward & very smooth. After
meeting with the disappointment of
the 21st, we worked to the westward, it
being very moderate most of the time.
This day July the 23^d 10 minutes
before bright Sol, appeared above the horizon,
the cheering cry, of THERE-SHE-BLOWS
was heard from the Boat steered, while an-
nouncing the rigging, was at the time very
busy in washing down Decks, we came
an interesting & somewhat-busy scene
ALL HANDS AHOY. A SCHOOL OF SPERM, WHALES.
RIGHT ALONG SIDE, was sung out, at the
cabin & Forecastle gangways. before the
sound had died away, forms could be
seen commencing out of both ends of the
ship, some wide awake, some half-awake
& others 3 quarters, tumbling one over
another, treading on each others toes, in
their haste to get to their respective Boats
down went the Boats & before the Sun
was fairly out of the water we had tried 2
of them, but could not come it quite,
the WHALES, were now all around the
ship, & while the Boats were about a mile
from the ship, one whale lay along side
just out of reach, with a harpoon, the
waist Boat being nearest to the ship, came
up & struck him not more than 30
yards from the ship. as soon as the
harpoon was into him, he struck
out on an opposite course, with a speed
that would have done credit to a locomotive,
for about 10 minutes, however, he
soon got tired of towing us, at that rate
& hove too, in good shape, & commenced
thrashing his FLUKE, & FINS in a manner
that would have made a hooked
Sturgeon blush to the tail. we soon got
a larice at him, which soon cooled his
courage, DOWN & in 15 minutes after he
hove too we had him along side chained



We soon got our purchase up &
commenced gutting him in, which

To the Western Islands

one of our own crew being a worthy man for our use, we also took in some fruit & one or two pigs, we here saw the sch^r Council of PROVINCETOWN. Capt. J. Genn, from the Straits of Belleisle with 60 Barrell of HUMBACK oil, after leaving Flores, we steered towards Decora, another of the AZORES, lying more to the S & E, about 180 miles from Flores, we then steered for what is called the Steam Ground, where we arrived about the 20th of September, & on the 22d we fell in with the sch^r Joshua Brown, Capt Samuel Genn, 3 months from HOME Clean & had a whaleman, G.A.M., we saw nothing from Flores down here but a few  until

September the 3d. while in company with the J. BROWN, in Lat. 35.37 N & Lon 23.29.15 W, we had the satisfaction of hearing the welcome cry of THERE SHE BREECHES, 2 POINTS off the LEE BOW, at 2 PM we lowered down & after trying them till 4 PM. the mate of the P. Cock went on & fastened to one we called a 60 Barrell whale, he started off at full speed, & never stoppt any to speak of, from that time till 8 in the evening, when the darkness of the night & the roughness of the weather obliged us to cut from him, in the mean time the J & La Boats of the JOSHUA BROWN, had got fast, & set him sporting blood. we cut from

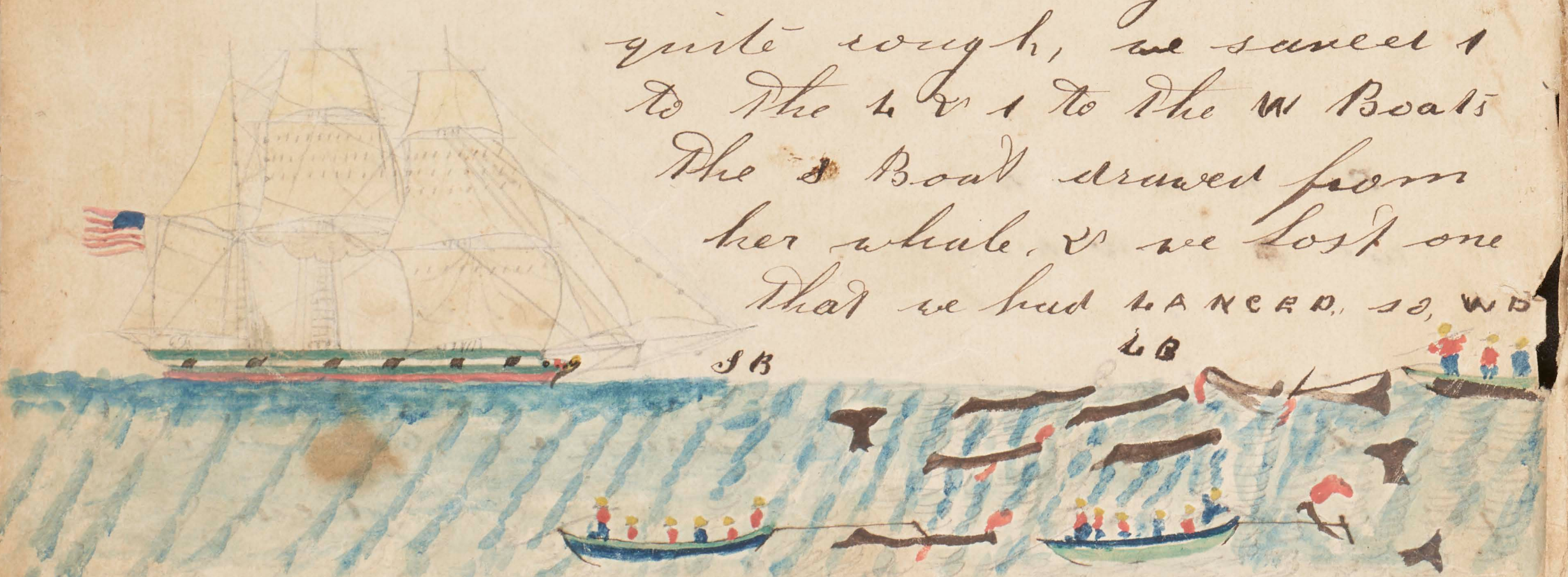

him at 8 PM it being Dark & stormy, so much for the STEAM GROUND. We now parted company with the J. Brown, & steered to the South, for the A.B. BOWEN Banks, after cruising 4 or 5 weeks, on the above Banks, we bore up for the harbor of ALLA, GRAND in South America, to WOOD & WATER, & to refit the ship for a longer stay. here we lay for 7 days, fitting & PAINTING ship. we here found a plenty of Plantains Bannannas, coconuts, gams, &c. very reasonable. wood can be had very cheap, by cutting it your self. there is three Bays, where you can be sheltered from all winds. the upper Bay, where we lay, is land LOCKED perfectly secure from all winds

To The Abrolus Banks, Isla -

You can by 20 yards from the WATERING
place & about 40 from where you get wood.
The CHANNEL is very large At the mouth
& tapers away gradually, from 12 to 9 fathoms,
water & clear Bottom, after getting what sup-
plies we wanted, we got under weigh at 10 A
M. on or near the 10 of December, & steered
to the Southward. To gain, an offing, we then
made the best of our way, for the BANKS
again, we saw a large number of  & a few
HUMP BACKS.

GRAMPUSES, but no, WHALES, till on the
20th of December, At 2 P.M. being in
Lat 23° 26' S. Lon 34° 35' 45" W we had the
pleasure to hear once more, the thril-
ling cry, of THERE-SHE-BLOWS.
was heard from the Musthead, then
came the busy scene of getting the Boats
ready for action, Boatsteers running with
lines irons, &c. & seeing that all the arma-
ment, of a well rigged whale Boat, was
in its right place, around comes the
main yard; when, near enough to the
whales, & down goes the Boats, each Boat
has now got on the track of the whales.
The whales has gone down, but soon
they appear, to the surface, & tis the 2d mat's
chance, to go on, now he keeps for the
whale, all hands in the other Boats are
now looking to see him strike, now the
Boat steers stands up & takes his paddle,
soon he is near enough to take his
harpoon, in his hand, now he draws back
& now he Darts! EAST, O! EAST, O! soon he
is off on a full trot. The whales all have
disappeared, but soon they appear, & O! WHAT!
AGAIN! HEADS, TAILS, FINS, all appear
in an instant, & the ocean, seems to be
covered with WHALES, it now got to be

quite rough, we sailed
to the L & 1 to the W Boats
The S Boat drew from
her whale, & we lost one
that we had LANCED, so, WD



we never saved but 20, out of 4. That we
struck & lanced, one made 8 & the other
made 30 Barrells, we now had 100 Barrell

Journal of Buck Aguirre.

December 30th 1845.

We now cruised to the Southward & Eastward, for about 10 days with fresh breezes from the S.E. most of the time, without seeing anything but a few  once, one of which we took, which made $4\frac{1}{2}$ Barrells. of oil. The largest, we had taken, for the voyage, until

DECEMBER 30. we saw a large SPERM WHALE, in Lat $21^{\circ}22'$ S & Lon $31^{\circ}22'30''$ heading to the Westward, fine weather & very smooth. The whale, seemed to be very skittish before we lowered for him which we did at 1 P.M. we now worked very careful as he seemed to be very shy, we could not come it on him, now, he had rather to old an HEAD, on him. at 6 P.M. the LARBOARD Boat, got within 4 fathoms of his FLUKES, where he SLOPED, & we returned to the ship very much DISSATISFIED, with our afternoon's work. I think he was the largest WHALE that I ever had the pleasure of seeing alive, or dead, ashore, or afloat. here he is.



We now cruised to the N & W, not seeing anything of any note, till we were in the Lat $15^{\circ}57'$ S & Lon $36^{\circ}20'45''$ W, on the 17th, of January 1846. in Company with the Bria Mexico, Capt. Wing. at 1 P.M. our Starboard^B being painted we saw a school of LARGE SPERM WHALES bound to the Northward, we lowered, & at 3 P.M. our Starboard Boat, got fast to a 40 Barrel whale & got stove, the other Boats being off to the Southward, capt. Smith was obliged to give 2 of the whale to capt. wing. to kill him, which he did the first lance. The next day was employed in cutting him in, Capt. wing taking the head, it being quite rough he lost the CASE, by an old rope, I should, think was 20 years old, here it is in full.



This whale made 15 Barrells, besides his Case which we lost.

Bound North To West INDIA'S

Jan 20 After cutting in the whale, of 1846. The 17, we stood to the Southward, 2 days, with a light breeze from S.E. but rough, till the day, January, the 20, when in Lat of $16^{\circ}00'$ S, Lon $36^{\circ}15'$ W. at 10 A.M. we saw a shoal of Large whales, bound, to the Eastward very quick, we lowered for them with 2 Boats, but we never saw them again from the Boats. They saw them from the ship 5 or 6 miles off, so we was obliged to return as we went



We now steered to the northward, & after cruising on the Banks, for weeks longer, without seeing any thing but a few, some of which we took, we shaped our course, for the West INDIA'S, where we arrived March the 21st, at St Thomas, after lying here for 8 days in taking in Provisions, Painting ship, &c. we passed down by PORTORICO, & out through the Mona, Passage, in company with the Brig, MEDFORD Capt Cook, in the Passage we took two Black fish

We now cruised to the N.W. for some time without seeing any thing, till, APRIL WEDNESDAY 29th it being stormy with heavy THUNDER & LIGHTNING, the ship being too much shrouded sail, at 3 P.M. we were in Lat $32^{\circ}11'$ N, Lon $73^{\circ}30'$ W. we heard the welcome sound of THERE SHE, BLOW, RIGANT ahead, 1/2 mile off, we lowered, & the HARBOUR BOAT got fast to a calf, we however got one to each boat, the WAIST BOAT'S WHALE took under the Bow of the ship & came near, losing, the Boat, crew, & all that belong to her,

We however saved 3, & lost one, he having sank, after he was dead, so ends April 29, 1846,



OUT, ON CHARLESTON, GROUND. May

We now stood to the westward, after cutting
in the WHALES, of the 29, with fresh winds
most of the time, from the Southward, &
Eastward, & at times quite rough with
heavy Thunder & lightning & times, we
heard cruised, with out seeing anything,
but a few,  some of
which we took, untill May the 6. 1846.
when in Lat, 32.38 N Long 73.06.30. West.
Light breeze, from the Southward. The
standing E, at 2 P.M. saw what we wanted
but, could not get it. The WHALES, were going
very quick to the Southward, we lowered,
& chased them as long as chasing was
good. Then returned to the ship perfectly
dissatisfied with our, good luck.

We now, stood to the N.E. & on Sunday
the 16th ~~the~~ ^{the} lying to, & no loft-off, so
that we never saw a large shoal of SPERM
WHALES. till the ship was in amongst
them, we lowered, however, & chased them
2 or 3 hours & then returned to the ship, as
Mad as Mike, time, his child, died.

This was in Lat 33.06 N Long 70.03.
We now ran to the Eastward, till
May the 21st 1846, we saw the
of Bermuda, bearing N.N.E Dist
12 miles, we ran down by the island
with a light breeze from the North
ward at 2 P.M. this day we spoke An,
H.E.R. M. A.P.H. RODITE, BRIG, from, Portorico
bound. The above island. At 6 P.M. we
saw a shoal of SPERM. WHALES. just
before dark we lowered & gave chase for
them, but the Sun, had set, before we
got to them, Bermuda, just in sight to
the Westward, here is the scene.

We now steered to the Eastward with a light
breeze from the Southward & westward
most of the time & quite smooth, saw
a plenty of squito, & BRIANT STES taller
deeps, & every thing that indicates that whales
are

Western Ground in August,

1846. We now had pleasant winds from the N.W. & fine weather, & May the 30th we heard the sound of THREE SHOTS, again at 6 P.M. & just before the sun set, we lowered, & struck just as the sun set, we struck 3 & draught from one, & lost two, that we landed, there it is.

Lat, 31.48 N 53.42 W, Lon



We now stood to the Eastward, with fair weather most of the time, & light winds from the E. S. E. & S. E. saw some

& some of which we captured, saw no whale till August the 3d. & 4th. when in Lat. 32.05 N. & Lon 51.15.45 W. in the morning, at 6 A.M. we looked for a shoal of SPERM WHALES. They were going very quick so we never got near them, but went on board & took up the boats. it being Sunday we had no drift. but 2 P.M. one of the men went up, & had the kind net to see, a large shoal of SPERM WHALES. lying like LOGS about 2 miles off, we soon lowered & put off for them. The Lar-Boat, went on & the Boat steers Missed, fair Day, the Star-Boat went on to THREE, large WHALES, but missed them all. we now gave it up, & went HOME. we however saw one more Large WHALE.



after we started for HOME, it being very moderate most of the time from Aug 3d. till the 7, so that we made but little Northern. The 4 we saw another large whale, in Lat 32.16 N Lon 50.48.15 W. The last whale we saw, till we arrived off the Highlands of Cape Cod, where we saw a few Humpbacks, which we never stopped for, & on the 24. of August, 1846, we had the good fortune to drop our Anchor in Cape Cod Harbor, with 180 Barrels of Sperm oil on board, & all well, so ends the first Voyage of the Barque Parker Cook Provincetown.

Bound To Sea, on another Voyage,
Friday October the 25th, 1846.

At 15 minutes past 1 P.M., we got under weigh again in Provincetown Harbor. Bound out on another whaling Voyage, in The Barque Parker, Capt. Commanded by Capt. C. B. Smith again, in The South Atlantic Ocean. We had a fine breeze from the Westward, for 6 days, we then took a heavy Gale of wind from S.E. which lasted 3 days, it then shifted to the W. & W. with a heavy squall of rain which lasted 4 hours, we then took the wind more to the N. & send the ship under closed reef & so on, we had very rough weather, till Nov. the 12 in Lat. 29.29. Lon 54.42. when we had light winds & pleasant, from the Eastward, we now commenced fitting our Boats. while all hands were busy about Decks, we had the sound of Porpoises - Porpoises from the mast head. soon, all the Boat Steerer & Mates were at the Boats, each with a Harpoon, in his hand, now all hands were anxious to catch one, to eat. They being very good. Eating, we got one & the rest made themselves scarce.

 December, the 1st 1846. This day we entered the N.E. Trades in Lat 22.46. we continued on our way without seeing any thing of any note, but a few  a number of sail going their courses, we spoke several of them. & times.

Dec 3rd. This day saw the island of St. Nicholas bearing S.S.W Dist 30 miles. The next day past the island of Brown & continued on our course to the south without seeing any thing but a few 

We now rough weather & stormy, heavy rains & very squally, till December the 11 when we crossed the LINE, in Lon West. we now took the S.E. Trades, very light & on the 18 Dec. we spoke the Ship Des. demonia of New Bedford, Capt. TABOR, 48 days out, 130 sperm. we had a trial of speed which were about a like.

Bound to the Meridian of Greenwich

We continued on our course from S.W. to S.S.W. with fair weather & light breezes from S.E. to S.S.E. saw a number of sail, & spoke them, at evenings we gave balls to the men to dance which they took great delight in.

January, the 1st 1847. we now were in Lat. 26° 06' South Long 29° 28' W.

continued to work to the south & on Jan 2, we took the Variables from N.W. west, nothing worthy of remark till Jan 3 when we saw a large shoal of  & some Grampuses.

The Ground looking very good for WHALES, we however saw nothing of any note till the 5. when in Lat 30° 53' S.

Long 16° 20' W. we saw a shoal of Blackfish & took one    

January 7th 1847. being in Lat. 29° 40' S Long 14° 09' W. we saw a large shoal of  & lowered for them. They being wild we could not get near them. we saw them 2 or 3 days afterwards, they all seemed to be going very quick, the 10 we saw a number of  & spots which we could not make out. We saw nothing now till January the 25.

when in Lat 30° 15' S Long 11° 00' W. at 2 P.M. we had the Satisfaction of hearing the welcome cry of **THERE, SHE BLOWS** from the Main, Topgallant cross trees, & point of the weather box. about 6 miles off we soon lowered our Boats & put off for them in fine style. The **WAIST** Boat went on to a 30 Barrell whale & got CAPTIZED, the Boat went on to another, & the Boat Steerer missed 3 times, & got the Starboard Boat, knocked to the Devil, the Mate went up in the air 15 or 20 feet, i did not know but he would stop there & see how we looked down in the water, but he turned down & went head fore mast down through the Bottom of his Boat. The Starboard Boat then went on & got another iron in to him & made out to kill him & was more which we lost by his being. **POOR, HE SANK.** so much for this days work, & then to cap. the whole. The ship **KEEPEE**, kept the

which January, Feb, 1847

SHIP lying aback about 4 miles
to the N.E. wind, we lost part of our
craft to the waist & Larboard Boats:
but saved the WHALES, here he is.

The Mate not being able to
swim, was nearly drowned,
before he reached the Boat.
We however made out to get



on board with the WHALES, & boats.
at 6 P.M. All pretty well gulped out.
The next day we cut the whale in board
& set the works agoing at 4 P.M. This
whale stowed down 35 Barrells, a Cow
whale.

We now worked to the S.W. &
saw a number of Breecers but
could not make them out, & on
Saturday February the 6 we fell in
& spoke with Baran's Startern, of
from Provincetown Capt'n. of Cochr.
18 months out, 320 Barrells. of Sperme.
February the 9th. 1847.

This day, being in Lat. 31.37 S. Lon
2.19 west, at 5 P.M. saw a shoal of SQUARE
HEADS, & lowered for them. The Mate
went on but his Boat Steerer missed
again, we now returned to the ship &
The Boat Steerer gave up his Berth him-
self. Capt. S. called all hands aft choose
of the crew one, Henry Townsend, a Scotch
man, to fill his place. but he was
no better than the other.



The next day it blew quite fresh & a
heavy sea running, & very squally.
At 2 P.M. saw the whales again, as it was
another shoal, we lowered for them where
2 miles off, before we got to them the
WHALES went down, & before they appeared
again a heavy squall came on & obli-
ged us to return to the SHIP, so we got
nose of them, Lat 31.30. Lon 2.24. w



We now cruised round on about

Parker Cook, Barque. March

The same ground. & at 4 P.M. on Sunday, February the 14. 1847 we saw Whales. again & had a chance to go on, & just as the Boat steerer took his harpoon, 1 of the crew cramped his oar. The whale, heard us, & was off, we then made sail on the ship & stood for them, & at 5 P.M. saw them again, Breaching, lowered & went on, in the waist Boat. & struck, the Starboard Boat struck another, never got on board till 12 at night. The Starboard Boat's WHALE dying some way from the ship. The next day was employed in cutting



them in, This was in Lat. 31.00 South Lon 2.50 15 W. we got through boiling on the 18th, they made 50 Barrells. We still continued to cruise on or near the same ground, without seeing any thing, till Friday the 19. February, when at 5 A.M. we saw WHALES in Lat 31. 10. & Lon 2.00 100 W. fresh breeze from the Southward, & the WHALES going quick we could not get up with them.



We now stood to the Eastward & the next day, being in Lat. 30 45 & Lon 1.45 45 W. Tucked ship to the westward for a BREACH, at 2 P.M. came up with it, & found it to be a SPERM. WHALE, & a large school of them. we lowered for them & after trying them 3 or 4 times got fast to one in waist BOAT, one whale, ran into the Starboard Boat & stove in 2 streaks with her HEAD, it being quite rough & the whales, very wild could get no more of them, here he is, fluking.



This whale made us up 100 Barrell of SPERM. oil. we still cruised round on about the same ground, till March the 11. when we bore up for St Helena Ground;

St Helena, Ground, April

We arrived in sight of the
of St Helena, March the 26, & on the
same evening spoke the Ship, Edgincourt
from CALCUTTA, 200 Passengers, on board
& a number of invalid Soldiers on their
passage home, at 7 P.M. went on board
the above ship, & the capt. presented
us some vegetables, & fruit &c. she
bound in to the island for water.
We cruised here, till the 25 of
April, without seeing any thing but
a few BREECHES & saw some fair
Backs. We saw the Brig FRANKLIN
of Provincetown 7 months out, 80
barrells of sperm she had not seen
a WHALE since she left the Meridian
Ground, we saw & took a number
of  & they were so lean
that the crew made BELTS of their
BLUBBER, we now thought it was
about time to leave this Ground
& try some where else, & as we had
been out 7 months & over, Captain
Smith concluded to go in & acco-
rdingly on the 25 of April the 25
we bore up for St. Thomas, on the
Coast of Africa. We had a fine
run down the Coast, occasionally
seeing & taking a few  &
 some of which were
very large, but very poor, we likewise
saw a large quantity of THIMBLES,
& a kind of jelly substance, like
a corn-cob in form, large shoals
of it, which in the Dark, look very
much like breakers, & shoals
water, we saw some squid, & large
shoals of small FISH, such as por-
phyr. BONE TOES & FLYING FISH, great
numbers of which flew on board,
we continued our course to the NE
NE taking & seeing  &
till May the 1. When we saw the
of Annabona, bearing N
& dist, 40 miles. Near again we saw large
shoals of  & sharp fin
We here took a tornado, which are
very common in these latitudes,
but not very dangerous, hardly ever
taking off any thing but light spars,
wind shifting from N to the SE & SW.

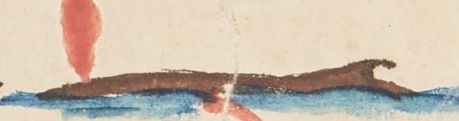
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THOMAS. AFRICA. May Bound To
May Friday the 8. This day, we
had light & baffling winds from all
Points of of the compass. Weather
very thick & squally with rain spoke
the ship, *Madona* of New York, from
the coast, with Missionarys & gold dust
& ivory, and, at, 10 o'clock came to Anchor
in Man. of War. Bay which lies in
Lat 27 miles N. Lon 6. 45 E, we now be-
gan to fill water, & rusted off cutting
wood, fitting rigging, & painting ships
& c. while some were employed in
Trading with the Natives for PLANTAINS,
Bananas, YAMS, sweet POTATOES water
Mellons. Coco, nuts Pigs, ORANGES, &
Lemons which may be had very
cheap. They seeme to be very fond, of
cotton cloth, cotton handkerchiefs
& such like Articles, for wear, costly arti-
cles, not being in very great demand,
the people here are mostly slaves, which
belong to the citizens of, Priest town,
the Capital of the island while
lying here we took another TORNADO,
it blew very fresh, from the North, which
lasted about 3 hours., After getting what
we wished for, & giving the MEN 24 hours
LIBERTY, at, 4 o'clock on the 18 of May
we got under weigh & stood to the westward,
we here lost our Cook by running away
but he afterwards thought better, of it & was
wanted to come Back, but Capt. Smith
thought it best to leave him, as he
was a very disagreeable man. we got a
Portuguese, in his room, We now
headed up W & SW by west, with light
winds from SE to S, nothing of any note
occured excepting, we saw a few 
&  the latter being very wild,

May the 24, 1847. This day we had
one Man taken down sick, with a
fever, & YELLOW JAUNDICE, & 26 day
of May, we had two more taken down
with the fever, & on the 28 we had 7
men sick, with the fever, they seemed
to be taken in the HEAD at first, & then
in the Bowels, we now had all of our
Boat steers, & 4 men sick. at one time
the men continued to break out till
June the 4th when 11 of us were sick at

St Helena, For Medical Assistance

The same time. We now was obliged
to double reef the top-sails, it blowing very
fresh. This day at 11 P.M., Joseph, Silver,
departed this life with N.E. & W. jaundice
& intermitent Fever, aged 27 years, we were
compelled to bury him, as soon as possible
he smelling very bad, we called those that
were well, enough to come on deck, to attend
the funeral, which we did by reading
the rite of a burial, at sea, & then com-
mitted his body to the Deep & his soul to
him who gave it;  he was a Portuguese
Melancholy indeed is a Funeral at Sea
to see those weather beaten seamen, with
hats off & heads uncovered, their hair steam-
ing in the wind, standing around their
Departed ship-mate was indeed, an affect-
ing scene, but this day was, 19th 30th S. We were
now bound to St Helena, for Medical As-
sistance, June, the 5th, To day, we
were compelled to witness another Death
& burial at Sea. Francisco Louise, a Por-
tuguese Boatsteward, belonging to Peçera, &
intermitent Fever, aged 28 years, as fine
man as ever, threw an hurpsoon, we at-
tended those that were well, and, at 10 A.M.
we hove the ship to back, & after seeing him
in his Hammock, we committed his
corps to the sea & commended his Spirit
to God, who gave it.  We now have
a more lying at the Point of Death,
The Fever, was now raging through out, the
ship, scarcely any of them had their senses
for 10 minutes at a time those that
were well, were very busy, scarcely, having
Dece to sit down, in waiting upon the
sick. we now had 9 in all, that was un-
fit for any duty whatever, June, the 7th,
This, day, we lost another of our crew, with
intermitent Fever, Thomas, Johnson, an
English Seaman, aged, 31 years, from
Liverpool Eng. This man being of a weak
constitution, he scarcely retained his
senses, for a moment, we buried him at
12 o'clock, at night he smelling very bad
before his Breath left him, we buried him
with every thing that under him while
was sick  The next morning
we found that the Fever had left the ship
& those that were sick seemed to be much
better, as all of them were sensible.

5 June I Helena. Asce. Nor. July 5th 1847

June 14th. To day, we arrived at St Helena.
Saw at 5th 11 o'clock came to anchor, in 15
fathoms water, after receiving the visit
of the LAZZARETTO, we took the sick on
shore to the Marine Hospital, we here
took in some more water, after smoothing
the ship although we was obliged to
be here. 8 days, in getting clear of the
sick, getting more men, &c. Then on
the 22^d, of June, we were ready for sea,
at 4 P.M. we got under weigh & sailed
for the  of Asserition, with 3
men short of our complement.
On our passage down we saw a large
number of Finbacks,  of which
we lanced, from the Mearningale,
July the 1st 1847. This day we saw the
above island, bearing N dist 40 miles.
we here spoke the Barque Samuel &
Thomas, of Provincetown, Cal Swift-
4 months out 200 Sperm. We here
saw one whale, which we called a SPERM
WHALE, but it was so near, night we could
not tell. July the 22, saw the Theophilus
Shace, 15 months out 230 Sperm. The
19 spoke the Barque Champion, 6 mos
out 30 Barrels Sperm. we saw nothing
but Finbacks, till August 3^d, when we
had the pleasure of seeing a shoal
of  & sharp Fin 
To day, Antoine, a Portuguese seaman
fell from the Topgallant yard, & split his
cabeza, open, & wrenching his feet, he
falling feet first. August 4, To day
saw some, real, Blackish. The first
we have seen for 5 months, & so
to me, August 14th. To day,
spoke Brig, inga of Westport Cal, etc.
Cud, worth. 12 months out 350 Sperm.
We cruised here from lat 7 to 9 N
& Lon from 14 " 30 " 16 " 45 with out
seeing any signs of whales, we here
lost a man over Board. he was a
GREEN, BLACK which we had shipped in
St Thomas, we towed the Starboard
Boat, & when we got him into the Boat
he was senseless, he however soon
revived & got over, it in 2 or 3 hours,
we saw a few merchant men running
to the N. August the 25, we now
thought we had spent time enough on
ju.

November, December, January 1848,
Friday the 19. we got under weigh, from
Dominico bound for S^t Ustatia,
to get our vegetables, and at 1 P.M. we
were abreast of Gaudalufe, who heard the
welcome sound of THERE SHE BLOWS
we, lower down 2 Boats & got fast, in
the Starboard Boat, we soon got fast in
the WAIST Boat, & in 25 minutes from
the time we towed, he was fair out.



This WHALE, made us 66 Barrells, we now
called this fine Times, a large whale & a
Plenty of Oranges, The next morning,
we hooked on to him & took, our selves off
So Ustatia, where we arrived, November
the 21.  After taking in our
Vegetables, we got under weigh, & steered
For the island of S^t Thomas, where
we arrived November, the 28, at 6 P.M.

We lay here till the 18 of December,
Painting & refitting the ship, & taking
in Provisions. We then got under
weigh, & stood over to the island of
Bl. A, near  where we arrived
December the 12. we here saw the
Brig Samuel Cook & Schr, Edwin
both of Provincetown. 130. & 60 Barls.
Sperm. We cruised with out seeing
any thing but a few porpoises, till Dec 25
January the 5th 1848. This day
we took two KILLERS. one to the S. & one
to WAIST Boat.  We now
thought we had lost time enough in
cruising for nothing, & January 10th we
got under weigh at the island of Blanca
bound to the Mona passage, where we
arrived January the 13.

We here saw the Edwin from S^t Thom
having been there to refit, we saw a
number of Breeches, & spouts to the
windward but could not make them
out. The
Historico, 

g. Equator. September Octo w, india. 50

The Ascention Ground. & accordingly
to day bore away to the S W for the Equ
tor. ground, where we continued to
cruise. from Lat 6 to 9, N & Lon 24° 5
to 27, we here saw a large quantity of
squid, from 12 to 18 inches, long, we saw
a plenty of

September, 29, This day we had the Stars
& stripes of the U.S.A. flying at our mast
head, it being Capt. Smiths birth day,
he being 36 years old to day, while cruising
here we had considerable rain which I
did not like at all.

October, The 1st
to day got a porpoise. & eat the whole
of him & sucked his BRAINS we saw no
thing but fin back, & shark fin
while here. till October the 20, 1847.

When in Lat 13° 27, & Lon 23° 50, at 5
A.M. we had the Pleasure, once more
to hear, the welcome cry of THERE SHE
BROWS, We had but 2 Boats, & as we
could not lower but 2 Boats. we
therefore lowered the 2 quarter Boats & went
on first in the Starboard, & struck. the
Starboard Boat then went on & struck
& stranded, she then got fast to another
& saved him, we made out to save 2
here we are. hard at it.



These WHALES made us 33 Barrells. Octo
ber, 30. To day we fell in with a shoal
of POT HEADED BLACK FISH. Lowered &
struck one very large one. to the WAIST
Boat. ~~we now saw nothing~~

more till October the 25. when in
Lat 13.54, Lon 25° 50 W. we saw a large
shoal of Blackfish again, & took 2. we

~~now saw nothing~~ more, but a few sails bound to Europe.

October 31st. This took a heavy tempest.
of Thunder & Lightning. We now, set
sail for the West, india, Where we arrived
November, the 17, at Dominico & at
10 A.M. came to Anchor in Prince,
Rupert's Bay, after getting what Wood
& water we wanted, we took in some
Fruit, Braded with Beef & Pork, we got our
Wood for 2 1/2 dollars a cord already cut &
dried. After having all on board, we got

Mona Passage.

January the 15, 1848. This day we spoke
the Samuel Cook, she had seen whale.
1 times & had got 50 Barrels, she had her
Colours, half Mast high, for the Death
of Mr Peres, Bangs. of Provincetown, a
townsman of ours, very much respected
for his Moral & upright character, died
by catching cold, & lying out in an open
Boat fast to a whale. Capt. Smith sent
on board, & we sailed in company with
her to Mona  where at 1
o'clock, we buried him, where may he
rest in Peace. a Piece of Board, points
out the Place where, he lies, with a cross,
& the words, I. H. S. above the cross. We now
cruised here till January the 21st
without seeing anything to lower for, till
to day, when we lowered & struck, and
killed a HUMP BACK, to the waist Boat.

 We saw nothing
more, in the Fish line, there, and.

January, the 30. We kept the ship off
for SamBa, where we arrived on the
first day of February. This Bay lies on
the South side of St Domingo.

We cruised here till the 27 of Marc
without seeing a whale, or anything
but Black fish. To day we took 3 one to
each Boat we here spoke Brig Franklin
again, 240. we here saw the Brig Cadmus
from home. brought us some Letters, the
first we have heard from home, since
we left.

  we now
here till April the 4. - with out see-
ing any whale, we took a few   

Our Boen now was getting sick, our
Provisions, gone, & Copper all off of our
vessel, & she a great deal out of repair. Capt
Smith, thought, it was time to go HOME
& accordingly, after taking in some, 20
Barrell of Fresh WATER, we made the
best of our way to the Seward, part of
the island in company with the scho.
Edwin. our vessel now, was looking
very fast; whiche oblidged us to keep
both Pumps going 2 hours out of 4.
We had light and baffling wind
most of the time, till April 10 when
we were abreast of Cape St Nicholas, we
this day took the NE Trades, very light
Cape, St Nicholas.

Homeward Bound. Arrival, ~~10th~~

We now continued on our way
homeward, with light winds from
SE & fine weather, and April 12 we
saw the ~~land~~ of Anagrus, bearing
NNW 12 miles, we made head light
winds most of the time, passed out
through Crooked ~~land~~ Passage, with-
out seeing any ~~whale~~ kind what-
ever, nothing disturbed us on our Pas-
sage, till April the 18, when we took
a heavy Gale of wind from the North.
Our leak now, was 900 strokes per
hour, we now took the wind, from
the Eastward, very fresh most of the
time. we saw Black fish once, 
It continued to be windy & squally
with frequent rains. nothing occurred
of any note till April 27, when we
spoke the Baltimore Pilot Boat Eye
& Norfolk Boat, Rein. Deer, & at 2
PM passed the Pisces in Hampton
roads. & came to anchor, at 3 PM, it
being very stormy, we lay here 24 hours
& on, & felt very much pleased to
be in after the storm. April the 29,
we now had the wind from the SW
& at 8 AM got under weigh at Hampton
Roads, & sailed down the Bay, we now
had light & baffling winds & thick
fog, till May the 5, when we saw
Black ~~land~~ bearing N by W, we
now steered ENE. The wind still to
the Eastward, & very foggy most of the
time till May the 8, when we came
to anchor in Holms Hole, where
we lay till next morning, at 8 AM,
when we got under weigh, & beat down
the channel, at 11 PM past Nantuxet
We still held the wind light & to
the Eastward, we still continued to
beat up the coast, & May the 10
We had the good fortune once
more to drop our anchor in the
Harbor of Provincetown. Thus
ends the 2d Voyage in the
Parker, Cook, & absent 18 1/2 months
220 Barrels of Oil. Oil.
now I am going ashore.

JIM. GROW.



Lines on the Departure of a Friend for Sea.

1 My heart is filled with bitter grief,
And ready to overflow;
Mine eyes are dim with shedding tears,
I'm sad where ere I go.

2 The sorrow that lies in my breast
Is painful to be borne;
And when I seek for some relief,
I'm asked: why do you mourn.

3 Why do I mourn, I'll tell you, why,
For all may sorrow feel.
Though trouble oftentimes wounds the heart—
His God, alone can feel.

4 I had a friend; where is he now.
Far on the mighty deep
That Friend so dear, was borne away,
His this; that makes me weep.

5 He thinks I hear him kindly say,
In accents soft & dear.
Though we must part, for many a day,
My mind will still be here.

6 But one request, I have to make.
Ere you I bid farewell;
Oh write; and let me hear from home,
And say that you are well.

7 The thrill of joy, it will impart,
Language cannot express
It will relieve my aching heart
And soothe me into rest.

8 The only favor that I crave,
I ask for nothing more.
Oh promise now, that you will write
For soon I leave the shore.

9 As sure as life and health are mine,
I'll write you on the main,
So rest dear, H, your last request,
Was not expressed in vain.

10 The Boat is waiting, for me now,
I can no longer stay,
He gave a look, that chilled my heart.
Then turned to go away.

11 He's gone, the waves between us roll
Far distant is his lot.
Yet while I live, that parting hour,
Can never be forgot.

12 Off in the silent hours of night
I fancy he is near.
Then wake to find it all a dream,
Then comes the bitter tear.

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Bound out again, in Brig Medford.

February the 6th 1849

At 10 AM got under weigh in Provincetown Harbor, in Brig Medford Capt. William Dyer, Master in North Atlantic Ocean. Light breeze from SE & thick snow storm, bound to the

 of Portorico, in the West. indias. No WHALE, in the Mona. pass.

age. We had a very rough Passage, out most of the time, heavy gales, from the S.W. & W.N.W., on the 12 when in Lat 34 & Long 64 we shipped a heavy sea, & stove both quarter Boats, Stern Boat, & Waist Boat, & bulwarks, fore & aft. We now took the wind from the West, & more moderate, we continued on our

course, without meeting with anything of anything of any note. till till the 28 of February, when we arrived off the East End of Portorico. We steered down the Coast, & had light winds from the S.W. ever since we saw the Land, & March the 2d, we arrived

in the Long wished for Passage, we here saw the Brig, Gares. Hous. of Provincetown, 3 weeks from home, we saw nothing here but a few

 saw a number, of HUMBACKS, we cruised here in company with the Gares Hous., with out seeing anything that looked like a WHALE, till the 30 when she, & the Sarracel, Cook. Left for Sarracel. we went in to Cape Roxo, & anchored, once, & got a few

0000, we sold Beef here for 10 cts per pound & Pork for 15 cts per pound. We cruised there till the first of April. & then went into Samba. where we got some Water, & then left for Portau Prince Bay, where we arrived. the 13, after cruising here about one week with out seeing seeing any thing except a few  more of which we could get hold of, we steered for Watling's

 where we arrived April 26, & anchored in 4 fathoms water rocky Bottom, next day we hove up to go on the other side of the island, & in heaving up we parted our small chain, & lost the ~~chain~~ & commencing to anchor on the

CHARLESTON GROUND.

North side of the island we parted the other chain. we made out to get this anchor, after taking what produce we wanted here. we left on the 25th. We paid 90 cts. per hundred pounds for sweet Potatoes, & Pumpkins at the same rate, trading old Beef & pork, at 10 & 15 cts. per Pound.

We now stood out, for the Charleston Ground. We saw nothing like a whale till May the 3rd when in Lat 29.55, & Lon 74.40, when at 3 P.M. we saw a shoal of SPERM. WHALES. we lowered 2 Boats, & struck one, to Starboard Boat, & saved him. the Starboard Boat struck the fast whale through mistake. The rest of the shoal went off to the S.E. we chased them till nearly Dark & then gave them up here he is. 15.



We now cut him in & commenced Boiling we saw nothing more till May the 9, when in Lat. 30.21 N Lon 74.07 W. while in company with the Lewis Bruce, we saw a shoal of Perm. whales going very quick to the westward. we lowered, when the whales went down it being dark before they came up we did not get hold.



We now cruised with out seeing any thing but a few Porpoises & Blue Fish & a few vessels.

Till May 22nd, when in Lat 30.40 & Lon 74.30. We saw them again lowered & gave chase, & after trying a number, we made out to get one to Starboard Boat, here he is. 26,



May the 24. This day fine weather & Light winds from the South West, & quite smooth. we were now boiling the whale we took on the 22, & in Lat 30.04. Lon 75.14 W. At 4 P.M. we heard the welcome cry of THERE SHE

Charleston Ground Hay.

BLOWS. again, We hired 2 Boats, & went on & struck, in the HARBOARD, BOAT, & fast, as the WHALES, were coming to the fast whale, the HARPOON drayd,

we chased them till we got tired & then gave them up. at 6 PM we saw them again but it being dark & the whale, very shy, could not get fast again.

We now cruised to the S. West of this & in Lat 30° 22' Long 75° 27' on the 26 we fell in with Lewis Bruce taking a whale along side, & at 3 1/2 PM saw a shoal of Sperm whale our selves. Lewis & I chased them while but could not get fast; The WHALES, being galled by  pumping over the NOSES. & C. & C. & C. & C.

The next day, we saw them again but they being rather shy, we could not come it quite, we were now in Lat 30° 32' N Long 75° 45' W.

We now cruised to the S.E., and at 1 PM on May the 29, we were in Lat 29° 57' & Long 75° 20' W we had the pleasure to see them again the Sch. CHARLES HALLSTRUM of Provincetown in sight of the WHALES at the same time, but did not see them till we struck in the STAR board BOAT. after killing him we put off for the rest of the whales, & at 4 PM we struck one 100 Barrell WHALE to the HARBOARD, BOAT. it being a slight chance did not get but one iron in & before we could get, in another the first one came out, out, out, out.



We cruised here, about 2 weeks longer & then bore up for Bermuda to get 3 men, to man all 3 Boats 3 having left at Matlings Island.



Bermuda, ^{2nd} WESTERN,

June The 13, 1849

We had fine weather while running down the Bermudas, and on the 13 we arrived there & anchored off the side the FORT, in the HARBOR of St George, we then hauled into the WHARF & commenced filling fresh WATER from the TANK of Dr HUNTER at 1.15 Per Bushel, we paid 1.25 cts a gallon for Lynseed oil, one dollar & a quarter a Bushel for Potatoes, & one dollar & a quarter a hundred LB for iron, we here found 1 man & 2 boys whom we shipped sea men being very scarce, on the 16 the Sloop Charles Allstrom arrived with 30 barrells of Sperm, our Bills here was paid 80 dollars, & on the 18th we having got through with our business, at 12 the Pilot came on board, & at 1 P.M. we got under weigh & ran out of the harbor, at 2 1/2 the Pilot left, & we kept the ship off to the Eastward & left the



Bermuda a stern, We now ran down to Eastward, with fine weather but saw nothing, til we were in Lat 33° 46' & Lon 45° 30', on June the 20, we saw a large shoal of Black Fish, we lowered 2 Boats & gave chase & got one to LARBOARD BOAT.

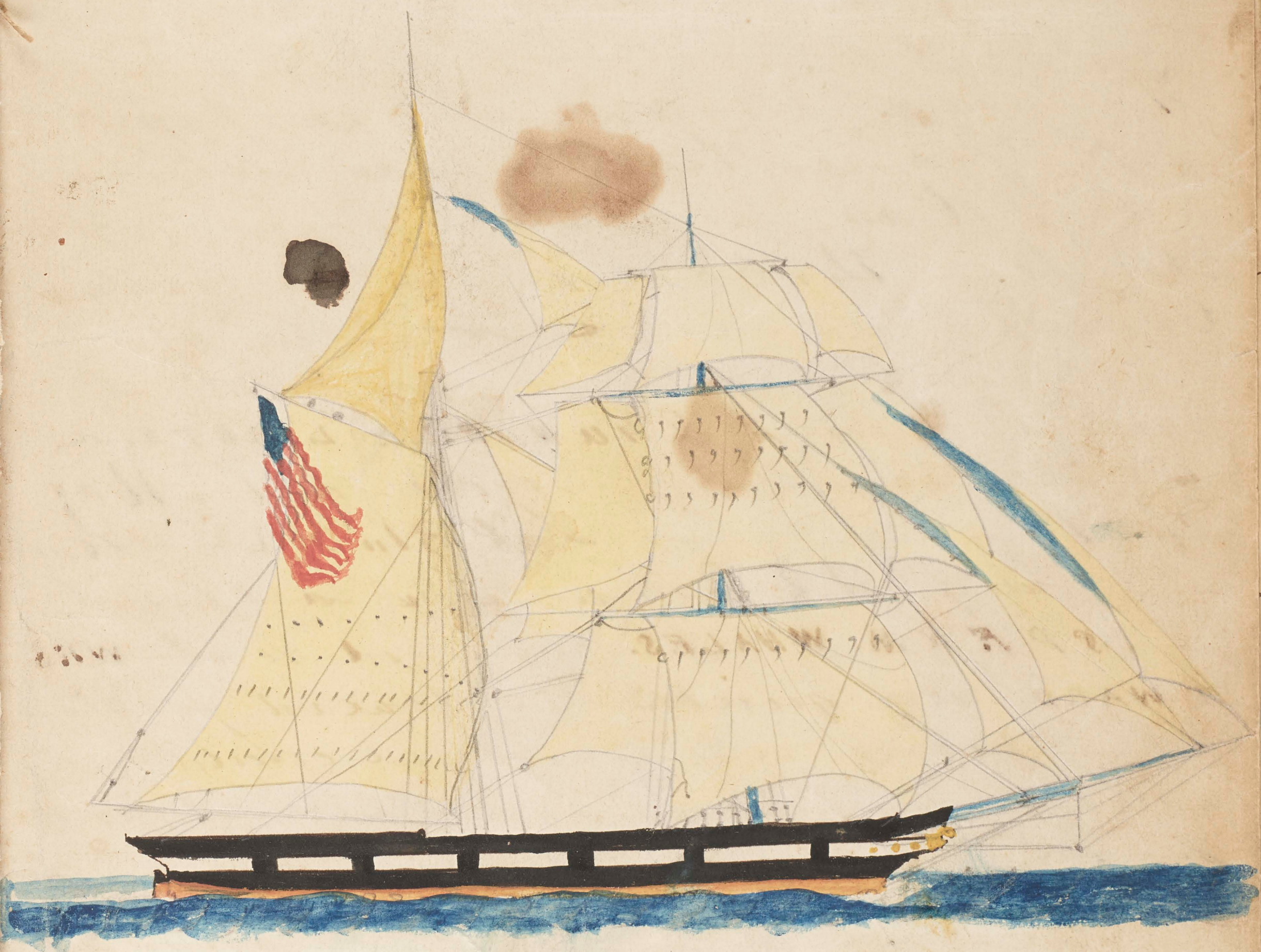


We now stood to the Northward & Eastward, & when in the Lat 35° 20' & Lon 45° 15', just before the SUN Set, we saw 3 large ~~whales~~ going quick to the windward. They being 5 or 6 miles off we did not lower for them, the Parker Cook having been in among them & got one large one, on the 15 we saw the ~~whale~~ of the Parker Cook's whale, & thought it was a live one, but we got sucked in, very nicely, We now stood to the Eastward & in Lat 35° 15' & Lon 44° 51', on the 21st of July, we saw Sperm Whales again, & going very quick, we lowered & chased them till we got tired & then gave them up for some one else to try them.



September, Medford, Brig.

We continued on our course, with light & huffing winds from South & East, without seeing or seeing any thing worthy of remark, till September, the 22, when we took a heavy GALE of wind & rain from the Eastward, & parted our fore topmast, BACK STAY. The 24 we saw a shoal of  but did not look for them, on the 26 we carried away our Flying jib Boom. but soon rigged out another, & kept on our course. & came very near running ashore, on the south Side of Cranucket, we however, cleared all difficulty, & at 4 AM on September the 30, 1849. we came to anchor, in Provincetown Harbor, with 100 Barrells of Oil after an Absence of 8 months.



Blank, Cruise, in the Willis Putnam.

At 8 A.M. got under weigh in Providence
HARBOUR in the Schooner Willis Putnam
Joseph Foster Master. we were bound
to the Charleston Ground where we
arrived May the 2d. & on the same
day we were in Lat. 31.00 & Lon 74.10
we saw a large fore & aft Schooner
Bottom up. We towed two Boats, &
went to her, & found it to be the Scho.
Thomas Cash, of New Haven.
her spars, all by her side & her
sails also, some of which we took, &
also took what Coppers, we could get
off of her Bottom, we then scuttled her
but before we could get in through her
ceiling it came on to blow very hard, &
we were obliged to leave her. There she is.



We now stood to the westward
with fair weather, but saw nothing
till May the 4 when in Lat. 30.19
& Lon 74.58 we saw a few large
Codfish. We now
had fresh gales & a good deal of
rain & much THUNDER, & LIGHTNING,
we saw nothing more till May
the 18, when in Lat. 31.30 & Lon 76.00
at half past 2 P.M. we saw a shoal
of SPERM. WHALES. bounded to the west
ward, very quick, we towed, for them
but it being very rough we could not
gain upon them, so we were obliged
to give them up, here they are, in full.



We cruised here, about on the
Lat. & Lon, & the 20 saw a shoal
of Black fish & got 2 & struck another.
May the 25
we spoke the Franklin Captn
Super. 60 Bar sperm we now
went to the East, & saw nothing but
a few sail, till June 7, where we
spoke & gamened with the Brig E
Nicherson Provincetown, E
Nicherson Master. had seen
whales once, & struck one. Lost him

Began April 20 1850. BERMUDA

We cruised round here in about the
Lat 31.30 & Long 77.00 for about 5 weeks
with out seeing any Whales. & a very
few Blackfish. & on the 8, we got one
 To the WAIST BOAT, & on the
30 of June spoke, the schr. Union,
with 25, Barrell, Sperm. we now thought,
we had cruised here long enough for
nothing, & accordingly we bore up for

the  of Bermuda,
& on the First of July 1851, we
saw a school of Sperm WHALES, in
Lat 32.30 N Long 66.20. we going
very quick to the westward, we hove
for them & struck one. but the HARP
POON, did not enter him. There were
60. & whales, from 60 to 80 Barrell whales.



We now kept off for Bermuda, where
we arrived July the 3d & on the 4 we took
in some Onions & potatoes, & kept off
again to the Eastward, & on the Morning
of the 5 we saw another vessel Bottom
up, called her 120 tons, Green Bottom,
she had been scuttled, we made no
stop for her, but kept on our course
to the Eastward, here she is Bottom up

We arrived here 
on the Western Ground. July the 28
& spoke the Charles Allstrom clear
& Bark PRESIDENT Capt. Soule 160.
Sperm. August the 7 spoke the schr
Louisa 20, Sperm. we saw nothing
but a few

till August 13, when we spoke schr
WALTER K. Peten Capt. Gillson, 30 Sperm
& struck & lost a large WHALE, & lost one
man, in the line, & on the 14 of August
being in Lat 33.30 & Long 43.40, we
had the pleasure once more to see
Sperm WHALES. There were 2 in
sight. The Starboard Boat went
on, but did not go near enough, &
at 6 PM the Larboard Boat went on
& struck one, 80 Barrell whale. & got
stove & captured, after picking up
the crew in the other Boats we took
the line in the Starboard Boat. &
got past in waist Boat, but, there were

WESTERN GROUND. August.

commencing a foul line soon after we were obliged to cut, after, nearly filling the Boat. before we could get fast again it came on to blow very fresh, & we had to cut from him at 8 P.M. so we lost the WHALE & BOAT too, SUCKED.



We cruised here till the 14 of September, the 14. without seeing any thing, when we bore up for the westward to Blackfish it, where we arrived at the 17 of Barbadoes, Oct the 2, where we took ~~the 1st~~ the 4th we saw Black fish again, & got ~~the 1st~~ the 6 we came to anchor in 11 fathoms in St Vincent.

We here filled 90 Barrells of Fresh water. the next day the crew, all that belonged forward, denied Duty & 5 of them left the ship, we were then obliged to get the vessel underweigh & go down to Kingstown, where we arrived the 10, the all the men walking about, gentlemen. we had, no handsuff. to put a man in, the Consul came off & took the men on shore & ordered us to put to Sea, as soon as possible & accordingly on the 13 of October we got underweigh & put to sea & arrived HOME, for the want of a crew. we now steered for HOME, saw Long shoals of ~~the 1st~~ & on the 17, we sailed for Blackfish & got one, & lost one. ~~the 1st~~ we saw nothing more, now till the 26, when in Lat 34 39 & Long 73 10, at 5 P.M. we saw a large shoal of small Sperm Whales, but having but one Boat, crew, & rather squally, concluded not to lower, but left them BREACHING.

We now had fresh gales from the NW & quite rough, till November the 30, when we saw LONG.

bearing N.N.W Dist 20 miles, we now took the wind from the South, & ran through the Sound & Nov. the 6 anchored in Pointe à Pitre, thus ends a BLANK VOYAGE, of 7 months.

April 10, 1850

Ground. August Medford.

We run to the Eastward, saw nothing but a few ~~and~~ till we were in Lat 34° 20' & Lon 40° 45' 15" W. On the 6th of August: at 8 AM we had the pleasure of seeing a large shoal of large, & small SPERM, WHALES. our selves, we lowered & tried them 3 or 4 times but could not get on till 1 PM. when we went on & struck a large whale in Starboard Boat & got capsize & run the line.



We took them in the LAR Board Boat & got her stove to Pieces & got one man in the LINE. & was obliged to cut from HER. The Boat then rolled over & turned 12 of us, into the water.



The WAIST Boat, had got fast & had to cut & come & pick the Starboard & Larboard Boats crew up, & could not swim. We then tried to get on to the large whale again, but did not come it. We this day lost 150 Barrels of oil, 200 fathom of LINE & one Boat, all by what I call CARELESSNESS. a cold sick. FORMS.

We cruised on the same ground. & the next day August the 7th we saw them again 2 Large whales, but it being very rough & the whales going very quick we could not keep up with them, Lat 34° 55' & 40° 16' Lon.

We now cruised till the 16 before we saw them again & when in Lat 34° 30' & Lon 40° 29' on the 16th. at 6 AM, we saw a shoal of large & small WHALES, & lowered for them & after trying to get on 2 or 3 hours, with out success the whales started off, so we got none of them.



We still continued to cruise on this Ground. & here got some ~~and~~ & saw a great quantity of Squid. and on the 18th just as the sun was setting we saw the spout of a large WHALE in the horizon, we however lowered the Boats & pulled

Western Ground August

For him but it was so dark when
he came up we could not see him.
so we were obliged to return to the
SHIP as we came, here he is.



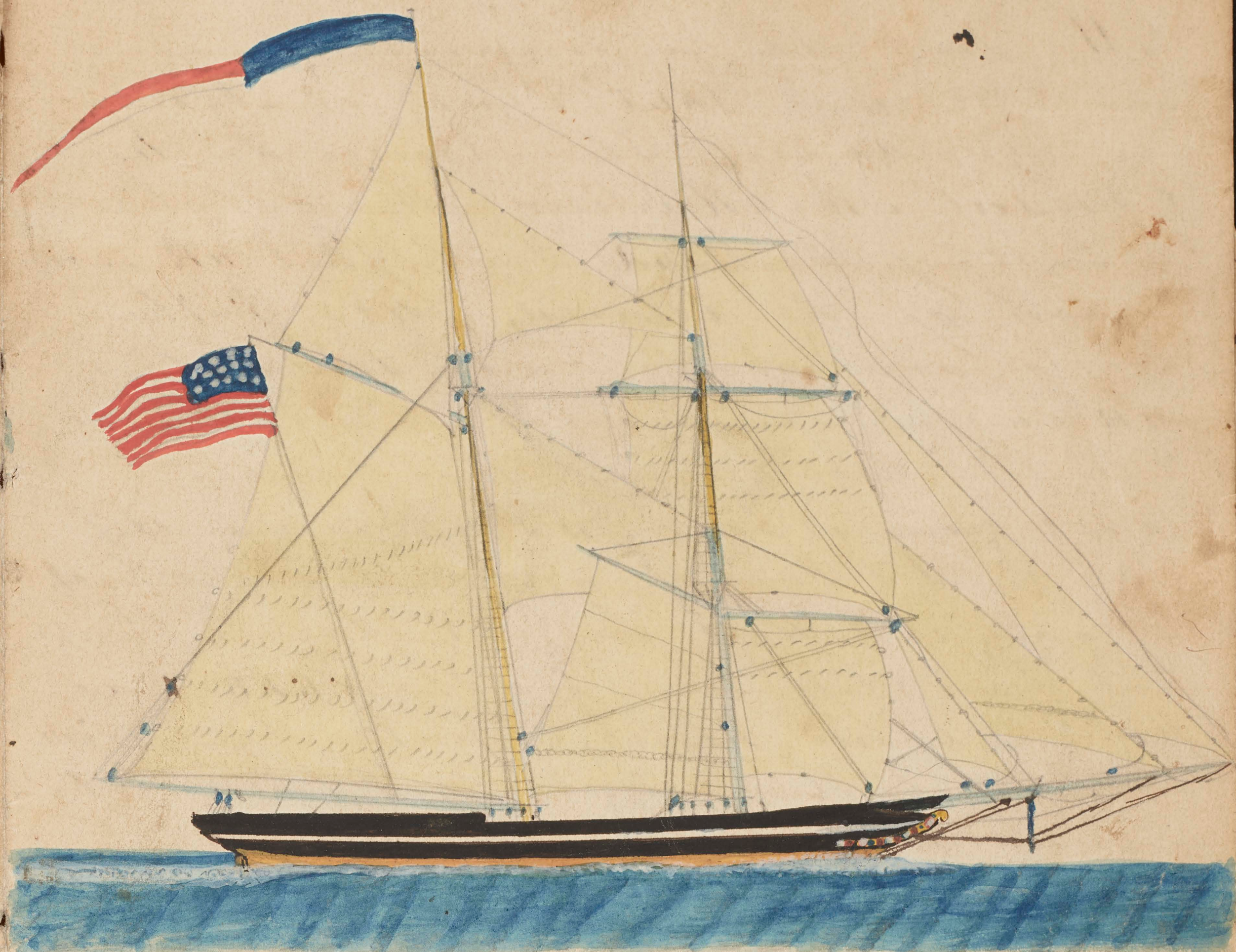
Lat 34° 28' N Long 40° 30' 45" West.

August The 20. Th 1849. This
day we were in Lat 34° 44' &
Long 41° 10'. at 11 1/2 AM we had
the Pleasure to see a shoal of
Large Spinn WHALES. & after
trying 2 hours, in vain to get
on, at 4 PM we went on & struck
one in the LARBOARD Boat. The
WAIST Boat, then went on & struck
another. The Starboard Boat being
closer to, thought the whale was
going to gain. was in no hurry
to get in another. iron before
the waist Boats whale. drew, &
then, it was too late. They did not
come it, here it is in full.



This WHALE sank very heavy, just
his nose kept above the water by holding
him to the Boat, we took him along
side while the other boats put off
after the rest of the shoal. They never
got to them, but returned on board at 4 PM.
The next day was employed in cutting
him in. This whale made 35 Barrells.
On the 22 we saw a large number
of      
more of which we got. we saw
large numbers of grampuses, & M
hoppers, & Bonnetoes, some of which
we caught. We cruised about on this
ground till the 1st of September, when
we took a heavy GALE, of wind from
SE, it then shifted very sudden, & we
lost the WAIST Boat off of the cranes.
we now had but 2 Boats, & one of them
very poor, we concluded to start for HOME.
& accordingly we pointed her head to
the westward, & bent what new sails we
had, & let her smile

BRIG E. NICKERSON'S Cruise.



December. 27th. 1850,

At 12 o'clock, this day, we got under
weigh in PROVINCETOWN, HARBOR, in the
Brig E. Nickerson Francis B. Juck,
Master, bound out on a whaling voyage,
in the North Atlantic Ocean, with a
fine breeze from the South West, our vessel
being built in the latest style, of course.
we were not long, before we were out clear of
the town, & HARBOR, & flying before the wind, in
fine style, but our good weather, was not
of long duration, for on the 29, we took
heavy GALES, from the S.E. & S.W. & from that
to the N. till the 31. where we picked off the
side & flying JIB, boom, & stove STERN BOAT, to
pieces, for 5 day, we have too under ballance
Reef, Main sail, & Aug. lost 2 drugs, ship being
very deep, we made a considerable water. On
the 6th of JANUARY 1851. we shipped a sea &
lost the WAIST BOAT. The wind now began
to moderate. so that we got whole sail on
the ship, & continued on our course, with
out meeting with any thing worthy of pursuit
& seeing nothing but a few  none of which we took. we
 continued on our course, unmolested till
the 24, when we saw the  of Sal or
salt island, & on the 25. of JANUARY. we
came to anchor, in St. Mary's Bay, on
the South part of the island, in 6 1/2
fathoms of water. sandy bottom.

Cape Verde Islands.

We here saw a number of ships in here after SALT, which makes here in abundance. The American, Vice Consul, Mr. Martine. Monopolize most of the Trade, & in fact HE owns most of the island, His Father being one of the early settlers, here HE carried on most all of the Trade till his death, since that time his SONS carry it on. We refitted our ship here, & also bought a whale Boat, which we gave 25 dollars for, & I should think had been left here in the YEAR. & we put 5 or 6 new Plank, & picked her inside & out, & by that means got her so that she would float. we paid for her in Beef & Pork, after lying a week, we got under weigh & went down to Modera Bay in company with the Barque, Willis & President, Capt. Briggs & Saut. we lay here till February, the 4. when we got under weigh & stood out to the S.E. saw nothing but a few  & a number of  some of which we could get hold of. & at 4 P.M. on FEBRUARY the 4. in Lat 16. 27 & Lon 20. 30. we had the pleasure, to hear the welcome cry of THERE, SHE BLOWS, which proved to be, SPERM. WHALES. we lowered & went on & struck one, to the WAIST Boat. The rest of them went off, the S.W. here he is, made 35 Bar, we cruised here with out seeing  we also got a



any thing more, but a few Black fish, 3 of which we struck, but could not save one of them. 

We now took fresh gales & had very rough weather, & we concluded to go in to Isle of Saul, to make good weather of it, we arrived here in Modera Bay at 4 P.M. on March the 2^d and on the 3^d. we struck a humpback calf to Starboard Boat, & cow to Starboard Boat, a male being sick at the time we killed the calf in the morn & never got the cow dead till 4 P.M., when we towed her along side the ship & beat up to

HUMBACKS. Modera Bay.

The ... and the ... mate got

We now had very light winds from all points of the compass, & being very short of water we were obliged to carry sail pretty hard. & on Sunday July the 27 we spoke the ship Brooklyn of ... from New London capt Norrie bound round the horn. & from him we got 3 cask of water & one empty cask, in exchange we let him have 2 barrels of oil. we now continued on our course to the westward with very light wind & most of the time a head, & baffling, we saw no kind of whale fish but great numbers, for the whole time, till we were up in the lon of 64° 30' & lat 41° 30' when we saw large shoals of ... going very quick to S.E. on the 14th of August we went on board of the BR1a Schoon of Bongos, capt Campbell from Marcell, from him I got some wood & Lemmings, we saw a number of sail bound in & out, the wind being very light & baffling we made very little headway when ever the wind got on the Northern board it would shift right round to the S.E. & then to S.W. with scarcely a 3 knot breeze till Aug the 14 when we took a steady breeze from S.W. & past every thing in the shape of vessel and on the 18th of August we came to anchor in Provincetown Harbor, & so ends a voyage of 7½ months, 360 of Sperm & 100 of WHALE.

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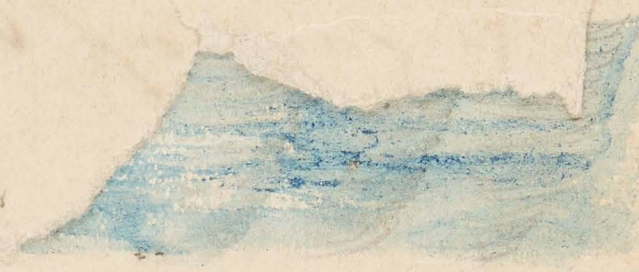
APRIL Thursday the 17th

This day fine pleasant weather breeze from N.W. ship standing to Eastward in company with Barb SAMUEL & THOMAS, of Matla Point. at 1 P.M. saw the above Barb maneuvering, & kept off for her. & at 1st past 1, we saw a shoal of sperm whale, going to the windward very quick we looked for them but we could not come up with them.

Cape Verde Islands.

We here ...

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Sail. To make good weather

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HUMBACKS. Modera Bay.

The anchoring ground. The 2d mate got the vessel under weigh & ran down to us. The next day we cut her in, she made 50, Bar



Friday The 7. 1851. This day fine weather & smooth. we had just got through, boiling when we saw a HUMBACK, in shore with a number of KILLERS, with her we lowered down & struck the calf to the Starboard Boat, & cow to Larboard Boat we killed them both but lost the calf, & killed one or two killers. Here they are in full.



We now had 90 Barrels of HUMBACK oil, & after getting 20 Barrels of water. at Palmyra Bay, we stood out on the ground, where we arrived. The 12, & had had weather & very rough most of the time till April the 5, when we saw a shoal of Blackfish, & struck one but lost him  & on the 8 saw  again but got none. at 3 PM. passed with the ship Sylph of Fair Haven. Capt Gardner 6 months out 300 sperm. & Bark President Capt Soul 100, sperm & Black. we got a Spar, from the SYLPH. for a gib & flying jib Boom. which the capt. paid 25 dollars for & the 9 we rigged it & set the flying jib & sent up main topmast & rigged that. & on the 11 of April in Lat 18.00 & Lon 19.50. we saw the ship Sylph & Bark President in among whales, & when we passed the ship she had one or two along side. The WHALES went to the N.E. very quick so, that we could not come up with them. here they are off.



April Thursday The 17th 1851.

This day fine pleasant weather & light breeze from N.W. ship standing to the Eastward in company with Bark SAMUEL & THOMAS, of Matla Poisset. at 1 PM. saw the above Bark maneuvering, & kept off for her, & at past 1, we saw a shoal of sperm whale, going to the windward very quick, we lowered for them but we could not come up with them.

CAPE VERD. GROUND.

& at 3 P.M. we returned to the ship, very well dis-
satisfied. we saw the SAMUEL & THOMAS
cutting in her whale. Lat 17° 30' Lon 20° 00'.



April Sunday the 20. 1851.

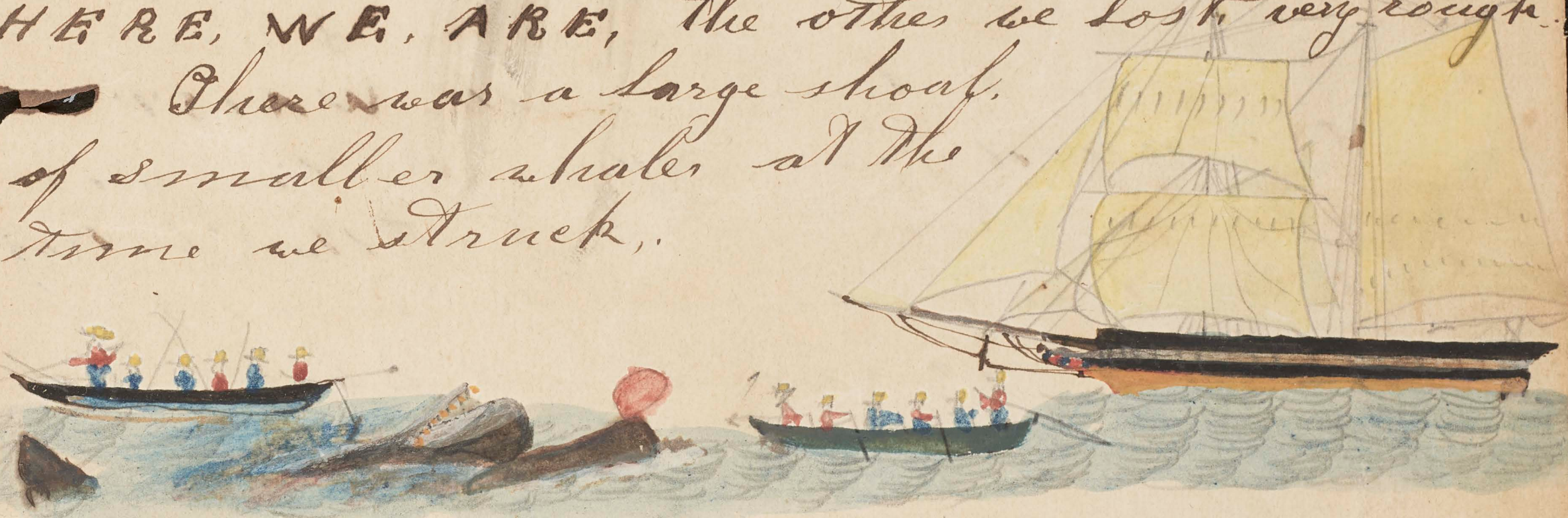
From the 17 to the 20 Fresh TRADES. &
very rough we have seen nothing but
a few  & a few HERRING FISH
till to day when we gained with the
SHIP, S.Y.L.P.H. of FAIRHAVEN.



We cruised here, till May the
2 without seeing any thing, but
a few    sharp Biss
 not one, of which we
could get. from April 20th it
has blown a GALE, of wind, most
the whole time & very rough. The
ship have too nearly all the time, &
part of the time. We have had no
look-out, afloat. May the 2 we stood
in towards the coast. Spring up
from East, to North East, the
ground, in Lat 17° 30' & Lon 18° 00'
looked the most like whalery
that we seen it for two months.
The water looks, very thick, & full, of
light-slicks. we saw some 3 or 4 shoals
of Porpoises   but they would
not play round the ship, but as soon
as they saw us, would start off as
though they were in a very great hurry.

Coast of Africa.

We stood in towards the coast & sounded & had 10 Fathoms of water, saw the Town of bearing NE, we were on the S W side of Aguirre Bank, here. The water looked very light, we saw large numbers of ~~_____~~ we tacked & stood off & headed up by N, & on the 7 of May, we had the pleasure once more to hear the cry, of THERE, SHE, BLOWS. We lowered two Boats, & after a while we got on & struck one 40, & killed another, 40 Barrel WHALE, but it being quite windy & rough, we did not get but one of them, to the LARBOAR Boat, this was in Lat 19.40 Lon 18.19. HERE, WE, ARE, The other we lost very rough. There was a large shoal of smaller whales at the time we struck.



on the 8th we were employed in cutting him in & got through at 3 P.M. & set the work going at 8 P.M.

This whale, stowed us down 40 Bar which made us up 80 of Sperm.

We now concluded to cruise here some time longer, and on the 15 of May, being in Lat 19.25, & Lon 18.15, at 6 P.M. we saw another SPERM whale, & struck him to the Starboard Boat, & took him along side N.Y.P.M. The 2d mate being unwell did not lower.



This WHALE, also made 40 Bar which made us up 120 Sperm. We now felt very well satisfied with our winter work. we here saw some Blackfish, & porpoises. The water here looks very light. To the Westward, of 17.30 to 19.00, is a shore of that you come into bluish, & then into dark green, muddy looking water, & a large number of PINBARKS & BIRDS. We stood in shore, on

COAST OF AFRICA.

on Aguen Bank & had
10 fathoms water, fine redish
sand, & saw large numbers of very
small fish, but could catch none
of them to the bottom, after we
got the whole on the 15th. We
found an error of 40 miles
in the chronometer, & on
the 18, found our Lon 2 degrees
out of the way.

May 19th One half of this
We have had fine weather, but
very rough, all hand employed
in stowing down oil. at 11 & 12
A.M. we saw a large lone SPERM.
WHALE bound to the N.E. very quick
we lowered & after trying 3 times
got fast to him in the waist.
& dived from him, this was
was in nearly the lat of 19th & Lon 18 & 30,
our chronometer being out of
the way, we could not tell the
correct time, the whale was in.



At any rate he was large enough to act
a great deal better than he did, & in
my opinion he had done the same
thing to others, he understood his business.
We cruised here till the 13th day
of June, without seeing any thing
but a few ~~small fish~~ & sharp fin
~~fish~~ none of which we could
get hold of. it blowing gales of wind
most of the time, & sea enough to
swallow a vessel up, & cold enough to
chill a man through in 5 minutes,
I have heard it often said. the coast
of Africa ground was very hot, & scorched
but if that was a fair sample of the weather
I am satisfied that there is warmer
places than the coast of Africa.

We now thought we had cruised
here long enough, & our wood & water
being very short, & vessel being very
much out of repair, we concluded to
start for the canary islands, but the wind
proving unfavorable, we started for the Western
islands, & on the 8th day of June being in Lat